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Congress of the United States
29th District, California

May 6, 2022

The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell
Chair of the Board
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple St. Ste 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Holly J. Mitchell:

Please see the enclosed letter addressed to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding my profound concern and frustration with the numerous plane crashes occurring from planes that are taking off or landing from Whiteman Airport located in Pacoima, California, including the most recent incident on April 20, 2022. However, I encourage you to consider voluntarily shutting down Whiteman Airport for 30 days and to participate with the full investigation and audit that I have requested to be conducted by the FAA. This is for there to be a thorough and transparent investigation where its findings can be presented to my office, the county, and the people of the Northeast San Fernando Valley.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. Los Angeles County, the owner and operator of Whiteman Airport, has a responsibility to ensure that the airport meets the necessary airport safety and standards and that all safety practices are followed as required by the FAA. If you have any questions or wish to discuss the attached letter further, please call my office at (202) 225-6131.

Sincerely,

TONY CÁRDENAS
Member of Congress

cc: Honorable Sheila Kuehl, Supervisor, Third District
Fesia Davenport, Chief Executive Officer, Los Angeles County
Mark Pestrella, Director, LA County Public Works